You dwelt upon the question of pay given to Sanskrit teachers and compared it with the pay given to teachers in other schools. These are matters of pure expediency, of supply and demand, which the Government pay due attention to in fixing the salaries of their servants. What Goverment pays to their servants is mainly their own affair.

Then you refer to appointment of persons who have passed the Sastri and the Upadhyaya tests as clerks in the Registration, Anchal, Excise and other departments. Of course the language used in the Registration, Anchal, Excise, Police, Public Works, Judiciary, Education and Medical Departments is not Sanskrit. To what extent these men who took the Sastri and Upadyaya tests command knowledge of the languages which are used in these departments will be the test of their eligibility for appointments to these departments.

61. Problems of the Nagercoil Municipality.

MR. A. NAYANAR (*Member, Municipal Council, Nagercoil*) said that good drinking water was very scarce in many parts of the Nagercoil municipality. There were only a few wells in the whole town from which good water could be drawn. The municipality had submitted some schemes to Government for ensuring a good supply of water for the town, but Government had ordered that these schemes should wait till the completion of the Trivandrum water-supply scheme. The completion of the latter scheme was sure to take a long time. In the meantime, however, some temporary arrangements could be made at Nagercoil. A few wells could, for instance, be sunk on the side of the Parakai kal.

In order to relieve the growing over-population and congestion of the town, a town-planning scheme was absolutely necessary. To begin with, it was proposed to acquire selected sites in the western parts of the town, to parcel out the sites into small blocks and to sell them to the people. The proposal would on the whole cost about Rs. 8000. In the eastern parts of the town, however, it was more expensive to acquire sites. Government should help the municipality in this project by granting them liberal loans returnable without interest.

The grant paid by Government to the municipality for the maintenance of roads, which at present stood at Rs. 1,400, should be raised to Rs. 5,000 or 6,000. It might be made a condition that the municipality should take an equal amount from its own funds. At present they were maintaining about 55 out of the 65 miles of roads in the town and spending about Rs. 5,000 from the municipal funds. But that was not enough. The roads were still in a bad condition owing to the heavy traffic that was growing in volume day by day.

A new maternity and child welfare scheme should be introduced for the benefit of the people of Nagercoil. Some parts of the town, as for example, the fishermen's quarters at Kottar, were in a very insanitary condition. The percentage of infantile mortality in these places was appalling. The municipality had already initiated a scheme and started an institution where daily about 80 mothers were meeting. Expectant mothers were given instruction in hygiene,

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sanitation and up-bringing of children. Poor children were bathed and fed with cow's milk. It was three months since the scheme was started, and it was estimated to cost about Rs. 2,000 a year. But this was not enough. A maternity home was very necessary. The acquisition of the necessary sites and the putting up of buildings for the purpose would cost several thousands of rupees. But the municipality was not able to bear such a heavy expenditure. Government should therefore provide the accommodation for the maternity home by granting the council the Excise office building to the west of the municipal office and they should also give them a yearly grant of Rs. 2,000 for meeting the recurring expenditure on account of the maintenance of the institution.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Nayanar, the whole of your representation reveals to this Assembly the profound concern you have in the well-being of Nagercoil. This is not flattery of Nagercoil for me to say that it is far and away the best conducted municipality in the whole of Travancore. And for the good work that has been done the people of Nagercoil owe a deep obligation to your earnestness and selflessness, and it gives me great pleasure to bear testimony to your devotion to Nagercoil.

You dwell upon the question of water supply to Nagercoil. I know it is a very serious matter in Nagercoil and equally I realise with you that it will be some years before a comprehensive scheme of pure water supply to the town can be given effect to. But you very wisely advocate temporary measures to provide better water and I too have been spoken to by the Engineers who say it is possible, at comparatively a small cost, to provide pure water at least for the eastern part of the town where it is most needed. On the question of financial assistance by Government in the matter, I think instead of asking for specific sums in this Assembly it will be much more businesslike and proper if you come officially to the Government with the request.

You refer to the question of making over the present Excise Office buildings for the purpose of maternity and child welfare. We all know that Nagercoil is doing good work in that direction. But I am afraid I cannot in a word dispose of the buildings of the Excise Department without consulting the Excise Commissioner. I shall ascertain his views on the subject at the earliest date. In the matter of maternity and child welfare also, I think you can come up with your definite proposals officially before the Government.

62. Extension and widening of the Thirunakara market.

MR. MALIYAKAL MANI ABRAHAM (*Member, Mercantile and Trading Classes, Kottayam*) said that the Kottayam market was first opened in 1052. After the lapse of 52 years the market still retained its old area. There was absolutely no extension made in the area in spite of the fact that the subject was several times moved before Government both in the Assembly and outside. The late Dewan, Mr. T. Raghaviah, once inspected the market and promised to arrange for the acquisition of the necessary sites at once. But the matter had

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